

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE



OFFICIAL WARNING
VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

CASE NUMBER:
TX10772-AC

VIOLATOR:
Wildlife Refuge & Sanctuary
Silver Wolf, Inc.

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, ZIP Code):
900 Savage Ranch Road
Sequin, TX 78155

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about the date(s) listed below, you or your organization committed the following violation(s) of Federal Regulations:

Date of Violation: March 31, 2010

9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors). You failed to use appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries for an animal at your facility.

You failed to provide adequate veterinary care to a male wolf. APHIS officials observed him holding his left front leg up and only touching the foot to the ground for short periods of time.

Date of Violation: August 26, 2010

9 C.F.R. § 3.125(a) Facilities, general. Structural strength. You failed to construct the animal housing facilities of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved.

You failed to repair and/or replace broken wire in front of the goat shelter. APHIS officials observed two goats with their horns entangled in the hay wire.

Date of Violation: October 25, 2010

9 C.F.R. § 3.125(a) Facilities, general. You failed to construct an outdoor housing facility of such material and of such strength appropriate for the animals involved, to ensure that the facility was structurally sound, and to ensure the facility was maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

You failed to repair torn sheet metal on the outside of the sheltered Bear Fox area.

Date of Violation: March 16, 2011

9 C.F.R. § 2.40(b) Attending veterinarian and adequate veterinary care (dealers and exhibitors). You failed to use appropriate methods to prevent, control, diagnose, and treat diseases and injuries for an animal at your facility.

You failed to provide adequate veterinary care to a tan female goat with very long overgrown hooves. APHIS officials observed her walking in a stilted manner and fall when she tried to run.

Date of Violation: August 23, 2011

9 C.F.R. § 3.125(a) Facilities, general. You failed to construct housing facilities of such material and of such strength appropriate for the animals involved, to ensure that the facilities were structurally sound, and to ensure the facilities were maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

You failed to repair or replace jagged metal edges on the bottom of a door in the bobcat enclosure, cracks in the cement floor in the bear enclosure, and a rusted door in a tiger enclosure. You also failed to trim tree branches in contact with one of the tiger enclosures.

The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) created federal regulations to ensure the welfare of animals and help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impacts that are detrimental to the public interest, APHIS is providing you with an Official Warning for the violation(s) described above. Any further violation of these federal regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty, criminal prosecution, or other sanctions. If you have any questions concerning this Official Warning or violation(s), please contact the APHIS official listed in this notice.

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